

**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
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*Whereas, The creation of a highway connecting Evansville to Indianapolis required years of hard work by dedicated people;*

*Whereas, Two of these people are David Graham and James Newland;*

*Whereas, David Graham was born in February 1927 into a southern Indiana family with strong ties to the automobile industry and family farming;*

*Whereas, David Graham spent his working life on his farm and as a banker and political organizer;*

*Whereas, After retiring in his sixties, David Graham became involved in the Southwestern Indiana Regional Highway Coalition (SWIRHC) to build a road connecting Evansville and Indianapolis;*

*Whereas, After a study determined that the project was not economically feasible, David Graham began to look elsewhere for support;*

*Whereas, With the help of John D. Caruthers of Shreveport, Louisiana, the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition came to be;*



*Whereas, At the time of the creation of the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition, James Newland was running the SWIRHC;*

*Whereas, David Graham recruited James Newland to join the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition where he worked tirelessly for more than a decade advocating, both in Indiana and on a national scale, for the highway; and*

*Whereas, These two dedicated Hoosiers worked tirelessly for many years trying to improve the lives of Hoosiers by creating a safer, quicker route to Indianapolis: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 2       dedication of David Graham and James Newland in securing a highway
- 3       connecting Evansville to Indianapolis by urging the Indiana
- 4       Department of Transportation to rename two bridges over U.S.
- 5       Highway 50 in Daviess County east of Washington (I69-14-09515 SB
- 6       and I69-14-09525 NB) after David Graham and James Newland.
- 7       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 8       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the families of
- 9       David Graham and James Newland.

